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SUBJECT: PEARL BUCK FOUNDATION PROBLEM

REF: STATE 136814, MANILA 09134

1. JOHN SHADE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PEARL BUCK FOUNDATION TELEPHONED AGAIN (REFTELS) TO ASK ASSISTANCE IN CONTINUING PROBLEM BEING FACED BY FOUNDATION OFFICE MANILA. ACCORDING TO SHADE, PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT "HAVE REVERSED THEMSELVES;" SEC WILL NOT REGISTER FOUNDATION AS A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION; AND FOUNDATION IS NOW BEING TOLD TO PRESENT ITSELF BEFORE BUREAU OF INVESTMENTS AS IF IT WERE A PROFIT-MAKING ENTERPRISE. SHADE SAID THAT HE FEARS BOI OFFICIALS MAY DEMAND SOME FORM OF PAYMENT, LEVYING TAXES FOR TWENTY YEARS OF FOUNDATION'S EXISTENCE IF FOUNDATION REFUSES TO MEET THE DEMAND. SHADE CONCLUDED THAT FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS EXTREMELY UPSET, AND SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING WITHDRAWING FOUNDATION FROM PHILIPPINES.
2. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR LOOKING INTO MATTER AND ADVISING US HOW WE MAY REPLY TO SHADE. (FYI GIVEN AID GRANT TO FOUNDATION, AND FACT THAT FOUNDATION HAS OFFICIALS IN CONFIDENTIAL

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MANILA, WE DO NOT QUITE UNDERSTAND WHY SHADE PREFERS TO DEAL WITH DEPARTMENT RATHER THAN HAVE DIALOGUE IN MANILA WHERE ACTION IS AND MUST BE. END FYI) VANCE

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